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1. PROGRESS REMAINS DISAPPOINTING TO DATE ON USG EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION LIST XI (CONTAINING US-SOVIET FAMILY REUNIFICATION CDZPQPXCEJ UMISSION LAST MONTHLY STATUS REPOR (MRSCOW 45604 OF SEPTEMBER 5), ONLY SIX MORE CASES HAVE RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION. SINCE PRESENTATION OF LIST BY CHARGE TO FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV MAY 16 (MOSCOW 5556) AND BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL TO AMBASSDAOR DOBRYNIN JUNE 8, TOTAL OF 38 OF 221 CASES AND 117 OF 657 PERSONS HAVE RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. THIS SUCCESS RATIO, REPRESENTTING APPROXIMATELY 17 PERCENT OVASES AND 18 PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS ON USG FAMILY REUNIFCATION LIST, STAND , MARKED CONTRAST TO RECENT STATEMENTS OF SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS THAT "97 PERCENT" OF SOVIET EXIT VISA APPLICANTS RECEIVE PERMISSION (REPORTED MOSCOW 11749).

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2. ARMENIA:

ONLY HING OF MOVEMENT TO DATE IS IN ARMENIA, WHERE SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO 10 OF 38 CASES AND 43 OF 140 PERSONS ON REVISED REP LIST XV (VERSION PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN). MOST GRATIFYING RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN ARMENIA WAS GRANTING OF EXIT PERMISSION LAST WEEK TO US-BORN AMCIT VOSKAN MANOOGIAN AND FAMILY, WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTS OF LONG-STANDING EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION EFFORTS BY EMBASSY. THREE OTHER REP LIST ARMENIAN CASES RECEIVING EXIT PERMISSION SINCE LAST REPORT ARE ISKIKIAN, BADALIAN AND GEKOGLIAN/GASPARIAN FAMILIES.

3. UKRAINE:

ONLY OTHER CASES ON LIST TO RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION SINCE LAST STATUS REPORT ARE CHUGUNOV FAMILY AND TURITY SOKOLSKY, BOTH FROM UKRAINE. THIS BRINGS SUCCESS RATIO IN UKRAINE, THE MOST HEAVILY REPRESENTED UNION REPUBLIC ON USG LIST, TO 15 OF 97 CASES AND 48 OF 298 INDIVIDUALS (16 PERCENT). PROGRESS IN UKRIANE THUS COMPARABLE TO OVERALL RATE OF PROGRESS ON USG LIST.

4. OTHER REPUBLICS:

THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NOT MOVEMENT SINCE LAST STATUS REPORT IN US REP LIST CASES IN OTHER REPUBLICS. PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTING IN THIS REGARD ARE RSFSR, WHERE SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION RECEIVED BY ONLY 6 OF 44 PERSONS ON USG LIST, AND BALTIC REPUBLICS, WHERE ONLY FIVE OF 100 PERSONS HAVE LODJXEQGHGYFY WITH LARGER LIST (ON WHICH THESE CASES

ALSO INCLUDED). OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS ON THIS LIST HAVE BEEN REFUSED ONCE AGAIN BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN EFFORTS GAIN REPATRIATION TO US. RECENT REFUSLAS IN AMCIT CATEGORY INCLUDE RITA VARAV (ESTONIAL), ARNOLD OZOLINS (LATVIA), AND ANASTASIA PARTICA PETRUSEVICIENE AND ELANOR JUOCEPIS (IECHEPENE), BOTH OF LITHUANIA. VARAV, PETRUSEVICIENE AND JUOCEPIS ARE US-BORN, WHILE OZOLINS IS NATURALIZED AMCIT. ALL FOUR HAVE BEEN APPLYING REPEATEDLY FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS(ABOUT 25 YEARS IN JUOCEPIS CASE) FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. (FYI: IN VIEW OF CONTINUING INTRASIGNECE ON PART SOVIET PASSPORT (OVIR) AUTHORITIES IN THESE AMCIT REPATRIATION CASES, AS WELL AS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE LACK OF PROGRESS ON LIST AS WHOLE IN BALTIC AREA, EMBASSY IS DISPATCHING CONSULAR OFFICE DEALING WITH EMIGRATION MATTERS TO THIS AREAS OCTOBER 8-11 IN EFFORT APPEAL DIRECTLY TO OVIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. JEWISH CASES:

JUDGING BY NAMES, JEWISH CASES CONSITUTE AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF USG REPRESENTATION LIST XV. ALTHOUGH JEWS (FOLLOWED BY ARMENIANS) COMPRISE LARGEST SOVIET NATIONALITY GROUP AMONG THOSE RECEIVING EXIT PERMISSION FOR EMIGRATION TO USR, MANY OF OUR MOST LONG-STANDING UNRESOLVED CASE ARE ALSO JEWISH.

GREAT MAJORITY OF SUCCESSFUL JEWISH CASES COME FROM FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK TRANS-CARPATHIAN OBLAST OF UKRAINE, FROM WHICH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL ALSO RUNNING EXTREMELY HIGH. EVEN IN THIS AREA, HOWEVER, SEVERAL JEWISH US-SOVIET FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES HAVE BEEN REFUSED REPEATEDLY SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. MOST NOTABLE IN THIS REGARD IS REPEATED OVER REFUSAL OF EXIT PERMISSION TO YUDKOVICZ FAMILY (MOSCOW 10578), DESPITE EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE BY SENATORS HUMPHREY, SCOTT AND JACKSON. ANOTHER TRANS-CARPATHIAN JEWISH FAMILY ON USG LIST RECENTLY TOLD CONSOFF THAT EXIT PERMISSION WAS GRANTED TO THEM ONLY AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF PERSISTENT EFFORTS AND REPEATED REFUSALS. THEY STATED, ON OTHER HAND, THAT VIRTUALLY ALL APPLICANTS TO ISRAEL AMONG THEIR ACQUAINTANCES HAVE RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION WITHIN TWO TO FOUR MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPLICATION. IN A SIMILAR JEWISH CASE FROM UKRAINE (KHARKOV), US SPONSOR WROTE EMBASSY LAST WEEK THAT SINCE SOVIET AUTHORITIES REFUSED HER FAMILY EXIT PERMISSION TO US, THEY APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL; THIS FAMILY NOW APPLYING TO IMMIGRATE TO USA AT AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV.

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